श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय: मान्यवर, जो नेशनल हैरल्ड का अखबार है, उसकी स्थापना पंडित जवाहरलाल नेहरू ने की थी और उन्होंने कहा था—"फ्रीडम इज इन पिरिल, डिफेंड इट विद आल युवर माइट" । यह उस अखबार में भी बराबर लिखा रहता था अंग्रेजों के जमाने में । उसके बाद प्रधान मंत्री जी के पिता स्वर्गीय फीरोज गांधी उसके प्रबंधक रहे।

श्रीमन्, उसके तीन अखबार हैं—नैशनल हैरल्ड, नवजीवन हिन्दी में और कौमी आवाज उर्दू में । नवजीवन और कौमी आवाज लखनऊ से प्रकाशित होते हैं किन्तु उनका भी प्रकाशन बंद हो गया है । मेरा मंत्री जी से प्रश्न यह है कि नेशनल हैरल्ड, नवजीवन और कौमी आवाज के जो कर्मचारी वहां से निकाले जा रहे हैं उनको अविलंब वापस लेने और उनको चालू करने के लिए क्या कर रहे हैं ?

SHRI P. A. SANGMA: T share the concern of the hon. Member that they should not be thrown out ʳt is because of this interest that, as I hive said, I myself had a meeting with *the* hon. Minister of UP. and today they are having a meeting and trying to resolve the dispute.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question. Question No. 186. Shri Kalayanasundaram. Absent. Question No. 187. Absent. Question No. 188. Shri Nirmal Chatter-jee.

♦186. *[The Questioner (Shri M-Kalyanasundaram) was absent for answer* vide *cotL... infra]*.

*187. *[The Questioners (Shri Sheo Kumar Mishra and Kapil Verma) were absent for answer* vide *col.... infra]*

Excise duty cuts for small scale sector

*188. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH;

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: \

Will the Minister of FINANCE *he* pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Industry has proposed excise duty

fThe Question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Nirmal Chatter-je».

cuts for the small-scale sector in order to improve th_e competitiveness of their products both at home and abroad;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to reduce the excise duty; and

(c) whether such cuts will be on all items or on some selected item?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): A statement has been laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) to (c) The Ministry $_0$f Industry, as part of their recommendations relating to fiscal concessions, for the small-scale sector, had proposed liberalisation of the exemption scheme for small units. The Government, after taking into account the recommendations of the Ministry of Industry and the representations received from the small-scale sector, have already increased the limit for excise duty exemption for the small-scale units. It is not proposed to reduce the e^{xc}'se duty any further for the small-scale units.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: Is it estate duty or excise duty?

SHRT NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: It is excise duty. Since you are alive, it cannot be estate duty.

Sir, my question i_s to what extent these concessions to the small-scale sector go to the MRTP and FERA companies?

SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI: Sir, these concessions are meant for small scale units, not for FERA companies or MRTP companies.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Is there a ban on MRTP companies having a unit which i_s in the small scale sector?

SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI; There i_s no ban for any individual or any company. If they are coming under a small scale unit, the benefit will be available to them also.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE; There for_e I asked th_e question. Tlw answer is not there. He has denied it. What is the